soliciting comments concerning Form 8861, Welfare-to-Work Credit.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before February 17, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622–3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5569, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

# SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Welfare-to-Work Credit. OMB Number: 1545–1569. Form Number: Forms 8661.

Abstract: Section 51A of the Internal Revenue Code allows employers an income tax credit of 35% of the first \$10,000 of first-year wages and 50% of the first \$10,000 of second-year wages paid to long-term family assistance recipients. Form 8861 is used to compute the credit.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other forprofit organizations and farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 500.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 9 hours, 2 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,520.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

## **Request for Comments**

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate

of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### **Internal Revenue Service**

[CO-8-90]

# Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning an existing final regulation, CO-8-90 (TD 8478), Consolidated Return Regulations—Deferred Gain or Loss (§ 1.1502-13).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before February 17, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622–3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5569, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Consolidated Return Regulations—Deferred Gain or Loss. OMB Number: 1545–1161. Regulation Project Number: CO-8-90. Abstract: This regulation relates to deferred intercompany transactions and distributions of property among members of a consolidated group of corporations. The regulation requires a statement to be attached to a consolidated income tax return by those groups which entered into certain intercompany transactions before March 15, 1990, to ensure the appropriate tax consequences of the transactions.

*Current Actions:* There is no change in this information collection.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other forprofit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 2 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 20.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

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### **Request for Comments:**

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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